

The Polly Hill Arboretum's 25th Anniversary Celebration

August 5th, 2023

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Estimated attendance: 150 over the course of the 4 hour event

In honor of the Polly Hill Arboretum's Silver Jubilee, the staff, board, and members of the Arboretum would like to host a public celebration. With the Select Board's approval, this free community event would include a number of components, including educational walks & tours, games and a scavenger hunt for kids, live music performances and food trucks, as well as a special "Polly Hill Pilsner" beer crafted by the Offshore Ale specifically for this celebration. The majority of these components will take place under a temporary event tent. The event will be a zero waste event, with plastic free utensils, cups, etc., and composting & recycling.

Due to the anticipated size of the event, we will request a police detail to help mitigate traffic on and off State Road.

Ideally, we would like to sell the beer to event attendees of legal age, served by Polly Hill Arboretum staff and volunteers. Please see our One Day Beer and Wine License application. The Arboretum will obtain a liquor liability insurance policy. The custom beer brewed by Offshore Ale will be legally purchased from a wholesale liquor distributor, per the state's laws.

We would like to also have food available for sale by some of the island's local food trucks and catering companies. As a means to defer the cost from the Arboretum, a non-profit organization, we would like to allow the food trucks to charge the public for their food & services. We understand this will require the vendors to submit a Temporary Food Establishment application, once, and if, we have permission to proceed with the event.

We understand that the zoning at 809 State Road does not allow for food and beverage sales. We would like to ask that the selectboard grant a one day exception so that we can proceed with planning this event as it has been envisioned.